

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Haiti

a. Bosch's radio speech last evening, though tough and threatening, did not commit him to immediate military action against Haiti. He did not specify what he would do if his ultimatum, which runs for 24 hours from the time of his speech, does not bring results.

b. [] Bosch has indicated that he intends to do nothing before Wednesday, which will give the OAS time to enter the picture, and permit Bosch to ease off.

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c. The OAS investigation Commission (Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, and the US) planned to fly to Port-au-Prince today.

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d. Bosch also charged in his radio broadcast that four of the Trujillos have arrived in Haiti. They took off by air from Jamaica yesterday afternoon. []

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e. Duvalier shows no signs of moderating his course. Since his request for withdrawal of the US naval mission he has jailed the mayor of Port-au-Prince, apparently for refusing to make an anti-white, anti-US speech, and has broken relations with the Dominican Republic.

f. In Port-au-Prince, the arrest or killing of suspected Duvalier enemies is continuing. Large numbers of former military officers have taken refuge in Latin American embassies.

2. Jordan

a. Cairo's Middle East News Agency alleged yesterday that two Jordanian battalions have mutinied and have been joined by the national guard. We feel sure that we would have confirmation by now if this were more than Egyptian incitement.

b. Jordanian troops are patrolling the streets of Amman and other key areas but the situation is described as calm.

c. A further indication that something was planned Saturday is a report from Embassy Amman on the first pickup on Friday of a new

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clandestine radio, presumably Egyptian, broadcasting into Jordan. The radio, calling itself the "Voice of the Jordan Arab Republic," was shrilly anti-Husayn.

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3. Cuba

a. Castro has been accompanied to Moscow by his Minister of Economy and a military contingent including the Cuban Chief of Staff. We assume from this that economic-military aid talks will be in progress at the same time that Castro is receiving the full ceremonial treatment.

b. There is press speculation but no hard information on the possibility that Fidel will move on to Peiping.

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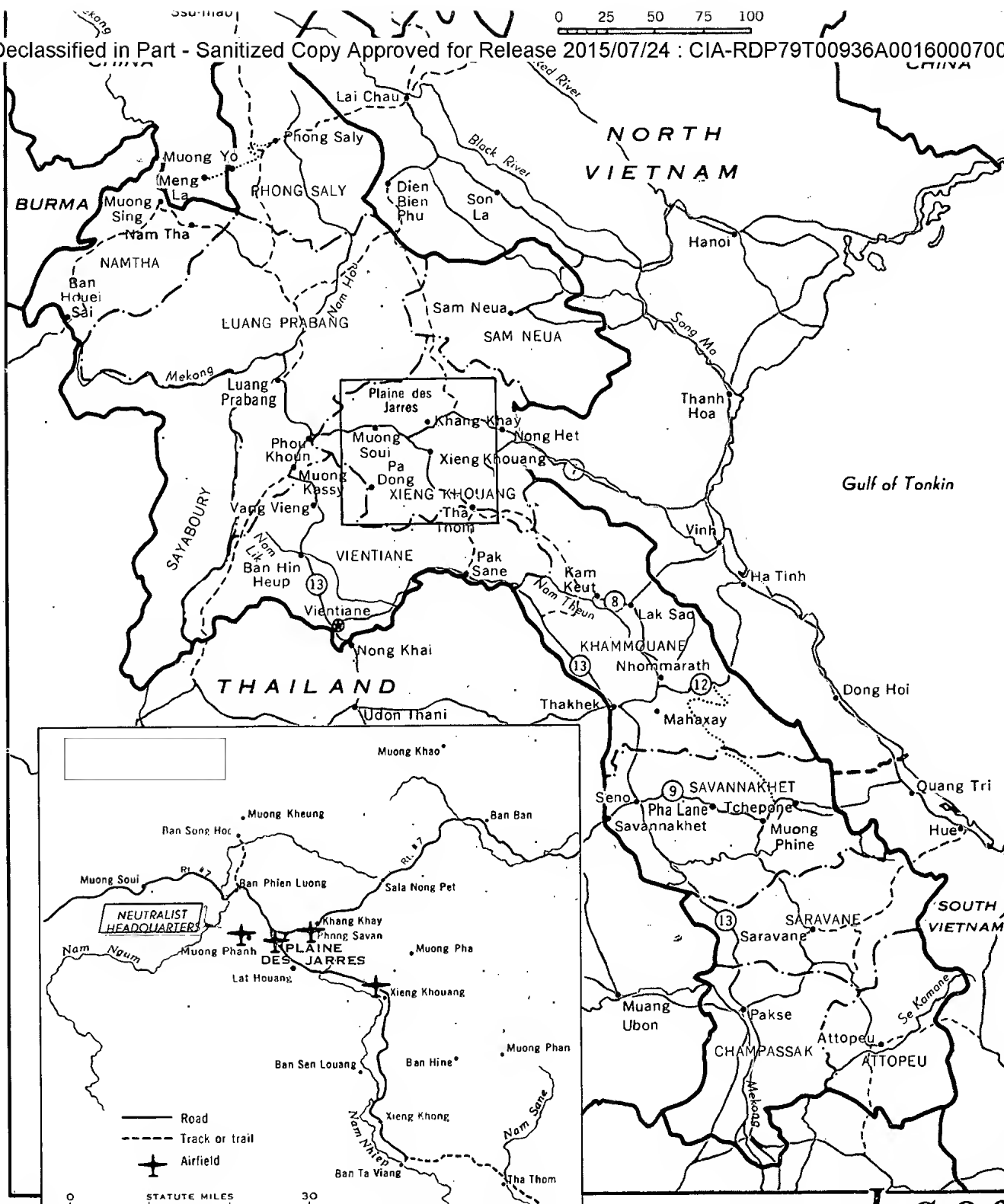
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the Soviet Union and Algeria on the itinerary.

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c. The Soviet ship Transbalt, which passed Gibraltar this weekend, appears bound for Cuba with an arms cargo.

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d. [redacted]

[redacted] photographs reveal no significant change at the Soviet military encampments.

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4. Laos

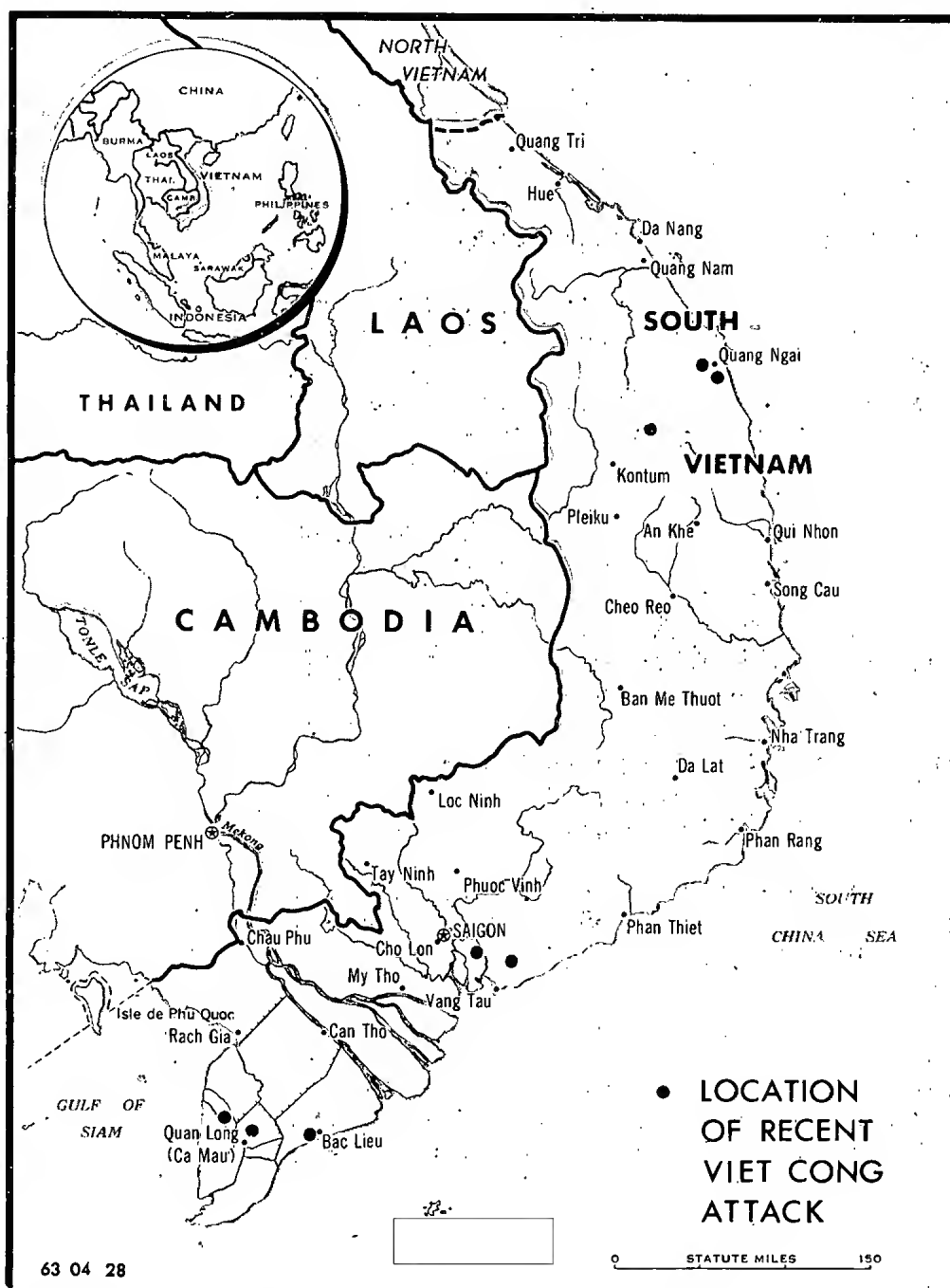
a. The new demands placed before Souvanna by Souphannouvong on Saturday are leading their talks toward an impasse.

b. Souphannouvong, charging that a Phoumi battalion was airlifted to the Plaine des Jarres on 26 April by Air America, now contends that discussions must be broadened beyond the issue of fighting in the Plaine des Jarres. This is likely to entail demands for the neutralization of Vientiane, the removal of Air America aircraft from Laos, and withdrawal of Phoumi forces from "liberated territory."

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d. Although skirmishing in the Plaine des Jarres area is still on only a limited scale, opposing forces are going through considerable shifting.

5. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong have increased the tempo and scale of their attacks in the past two weeks.

b. The number of attacks in the week ending 22 April, reported at 128, was the highest weekly total since last June. Since then, the Communists have maintained pressure throughout the country with larger strikes, including at least one and probably two battalion-size attacks on government posts in the southernmost province.

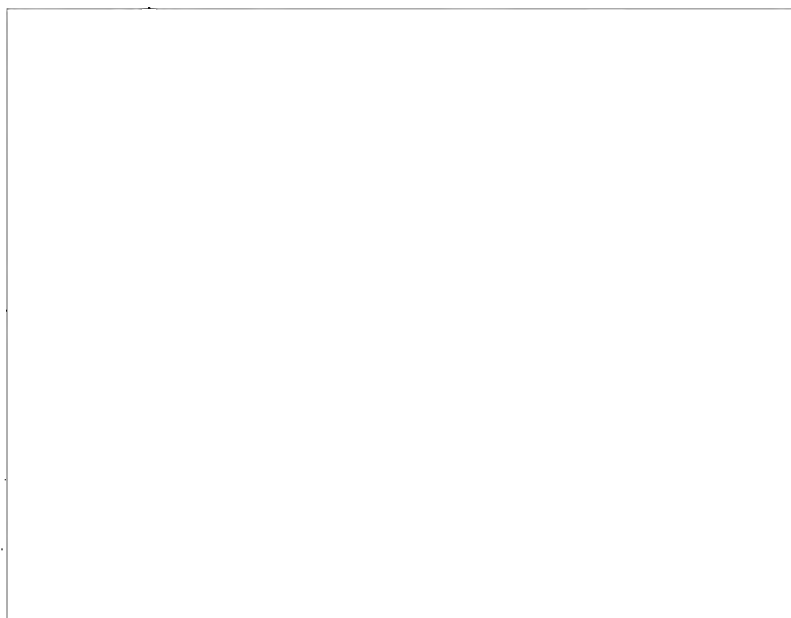
c. In the largest single attack in several months a Communist force, estimated at two battalions, on 27 April inflicted heavy casualties on a large government unit in the central province of Kontum.

d. Operations on this scale suggest that the developing regimental-level commands, which we have noted in several areas in recent months, are now beginning to play an active role.

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6. Yemen

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NOTES

- A. Venezuela The Venezuelan Communist Party was supposed to make yet another attempt to overthrow Betancourt [REDACTED]. Security forces are on top of the situation and nothing has apparently happened so far.
- B. Soviet Space Vehicle The unmanned vehicle, Cosmos 16, put into orbit on the morning of 28 April was the third satellite launched from Tyuratam this year. (Another was launched from Kapustin Yar.) Cosmos 15, launched on 22 April and returned on 27 April, has apparently been recovered.

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ADDENDUM ON LAOS

Souvanna has given the go-ahead for the stationing of an ICC team in the Plaine des Jarres. He takes this step in defiance of the Pathet Lao. [REDACTED]

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